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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION DATED MAY 16, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Rejection dated May 16, 2005, please amend the above-captioned
application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.